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Applicants: Ferrell et al.

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Lymphatic Disorders Involving the
FLT4 Receptor Tyrosine Kinase
(VEGFR-3)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In an Official Action dated February 14, 2001, the Patent and Trademark Office rejected claims 1-11 and 14-21 of the above-identified patent application variously under 35 USC §§ 102, 103, and 112, first and second paragraphs. In light of the amendments and remarks presented below, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and favorable reconsideration of the application. This response is timely filed by virtue of a petition and fee for two months extension of time filed herewith, and by virtue of the fact that July 14 fell on a Saturday. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall O'Toole Gerstein Murray and Borun deposit account number 13-2855.